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Stink-fighting work begins on Bridgeton landfill

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Work crews this morning began preparing to remove sections of reinforced concrete pipe from the Bridgeton Landfill — a necessary project, but one that's also expected to make odors related to a subsurface fire significantly worse in the coming weeks.

The landfill's owner, Republic Services Inc., said the work is required in order to prepare the site for a plastic cap that will substantially reduce the foul odors that have generated numerous complaints from neighbors and triggered health concerns. The cap is supposed to be in place by early September.

The pipe-removal project is part of a court-approved agreement last week between the company and the state of Missouri. The agreement puts on hold a March 27 lawsuit filed by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster against Republic for violation of state environmental laws.

The agreement also called for Republic to offer temporary relocation to residents living within a mile of the landfill while contractors doing excavation work to remove the pipes.

Residents of the Spanish Village subdivision, Terrisan Reste Mobile Home Community and a section of the Carrollton Village Condominiums are being offered hotel rooms through June 14. Those who choose to stay with friends or relatives instead can receive \$125 per week.

Excavation of the pipes, which is supposed to allow more landfill gases to escape, was supposed to begin Monday. But work was delayed by rain.

The Department of Natural Resources has promised to step up air sampling while the work is ongoing.

Waste buried deep within the 52-acre landfill has been smoldering since December 2010. Temperatures within the landfill began to increase further last spring, prompting complaints from those who live and work in the area.

There is also concern that the subsurface fire could spread to the nearby West Lake Landfill where Cold War-era radioactive waste was illegally dumped in the 1970s.